



01-22-07

RCE
JPL

PTO/SB/30 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Address to:
Mail Stop: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Serial No. | 10/716,093 |
| Filing Date | 11/18/2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Michael C. Tulkoff |
| Group Art Unit: | 2166 |
| Examiner Name | Saeed, Usmaan |
| Atty. Docket No. | VIGN1660-1 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment (s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other Reply to Office Action Dated September 18, 2006

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☒ Other **(1) Extension of Time for 1 month (2) Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview.**

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge *any underpayment or credit any overpayment* to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 for the pendency of this application.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Additional Claims Fee Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$910.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Authorized to deduct \$ _____ From Deposit Account 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Signature | | Date | January 18, 2007 |
| Name (print/type) | Ari G. Akmal | Registration No. | 51,388 |

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV964340899US to Addressee in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|------|------------------|
| Signature | Brenda Cross | Date | January 19, 2007 |
| Name (Print/Type) | Brenda Cross | | |

01/22/2007 SSITHIB1 00000020 10716093

02 FC:1801

790.00 0P